

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 26, 2004, the Examiner noted that claims 3, 4, 7-11, 13, 18, 20-22 and 24 were pending, allowed claims 9-11, 13, 20-22 and 24 and rejected claims 3, 4, 7, 8 and 18. Claims 3, 4 and 18 have been amended, new claims 30-35 have been added and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 3, 4, 7-11, 13, 18, 20-22, 24 and 30-35 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Claim 3 has been made dependent on allowed claim 9 and claim 7 depends on claim 3. Claim 4 has been made dependent on allowed claim 10 and claim 8 depends on claim 4. Claim 18 has been made dependent on allowed claim 20. It is submitted that claims 3, 4, 7, 8 and 18 are now allowable.

New claim 30 has been added that combines allowed claim 10 with claim 3. New claim 31 has been added that combines allowed claim 11 with claim 3. New claim 32 has been added that combines allowed claim 10 with claim 4. New claim 33 has been added that combines allowed claim 11 with claim 4. New claim 34 has been added that combines allowed claim 21 with claim 18. New claim 35 has been added that combines allowed claim 22 with claim 18. It is submitted that the new claims are allowable for their features included from the allowed claims.

The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

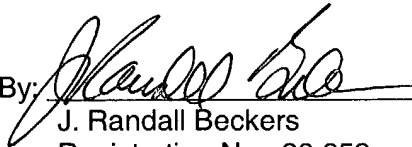
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